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SUBJECT: SAFE Burroughs Equipment Disposition

1. As you know, the Management Staff began handling the disposition of the Burroughs computer systems in August 1982. Available records indicate that the initial inventory was one (dual) B7800 and ten (10) B6900s. Three (3) undelivered B6900s are considered by the CSPO contracting officer to be TRW and not Government property. Of the remaining seven (7) B6900s, one was placed earlier with DIA. DIA will keep this system. This leaves one (dual) B7800 and six (6) B6900s potentially for Intelligence Community best-effort placement, as per the TRW-Burroughs understanding. The (dual) B7800 and five (5) of the six (6) B6900's are located at TRW West Coast. The remaining B6900 is located in HQ. (Also installed here are four (4) Burroughs Mobile Power Units (MPUs) that were purchased by CIA directly from Burroughs. The Agency plans to retain these for use in the Northside Center with the replacement IBM equipment.) The following summarizes the status of the placement effort.

2. NSA, as of today, is planning on acquiring the (dual) B7800 system and installing it when the computer floor space becomes available in the "Spring." They were made aware that the TRW SAFE computer space is being reassigned in the February/March time-frame and that it may be necessary for them to store the system if the additional floor space at NSA is not ready.

3. NSA's general computer facility has decided not to acquire any of the B6900 systems due to their assessment that appropriate software support is not available. However, there is a possibility of an R&D section acquiring one B6900. A decision is expected within the week. If the R&D Group decides to acquire a B6900, we will provide the system which is located here, in the Northside center. It is planned to have an NSA representative, a Burroughs field engineer and a member of MS inventory the HQ. B6900 equipment within the next two weeks. The equipment can then be packed for shipment to NSA. (Note that NSA has not yet generated an official request for any of the Burroughs equipment.)


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4. The only other promising lead is from a non-Intelligence Community agency: The Naval Supply Systems Command. John Kebayias manages the acquisition and configuration control of 22 worldwide computer centers that use Burroughs equipment. He was contacted on 20 September and he is interested in any available Burroughs items.

5. A less promising lead is [redacted] Hqs INSCOM, ASA, Arlington Hall, who was interested in acquiring a B6900 and using the system at an overseas location. However, he stated as of 4 October that he probably cannot arrange for site and software funds to support the system. STAT

6. There has been three leads that have not panned out:

- The Naval Security Group which expressed preliminary interest through [redacted] office is no longer interested. STAT

- An OSO office had an overseas application that could possibly have been satisfied with the B6900. However, the available floor space was not large enough to accommodate the equipment.

- A DIA Office (RSO1) expressed some initial interest but then backed off. They would have used the same software as the B6900 currently installed at DIA. It is my understanding that [redacted] of DIA had mentioned the availability of the equipment to the interested office. STAT

6. Other leads: the NSA contact believes the Air Force (non-IC) may be interested and today relayed a name and number to call.

7. Other activity planned:

- The West Coast Burroughs equipment lists are being double-checked for correctness by TRW SAFE. However, we plan to request a Burroughs Field Engineer perform a definitive equipment inventory in conjunction with TRW, NSA or other potential owners, and a Management Staff representative (if possible).

- There are other items on the TRW inventory list related to the SAFE contract that might be of interest to OC or others interested in WBCS activities. These items will be circulated to interested components. Some of these items are from Burroughs Corporation.

8. In summary, we have tentatively placed the (dual) B7800 and one B6900 in NSA. No additional IC placements have surfaced. These are, however, even with minimal checking,


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several potential customers for the equipment in DoD. There is also the standard GSA excess procedure or the possibility of requesting special assistance from GSA for placement of the remaining five (5) B6900's.

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